

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with attorney Lawrence E. Ashery on May 23, 2011.

The application has been amended as follows:

a. On lines 7-8 of claim 1, "a wire feeder provided to the second arm and being rotatable relative to the second arm around a rotation axis" will read —a rotatable wire feeder having a fixing device including a rotation axis and coupling to the second arm--.

b. On line 9 of claim 9, "a wire feeder provided to the second arm and being rotatable around a rotation axis" will read —a rotatable wire feeder having a fixing device including a rotation axis and coupling to the second arm--.

2. Claims 1, 4-9, and 11-14 are allowed.

3. Claims 2, 3, and 10 are canceled.

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: allowance of claims 1, 4-9, and 11-14 is indicated because the prior arts of record do not show or fairly suggest a rotatable wire feeder having a fixing device including a rotation axis and coupling to the second arm as recited in independent claims 1 and 9.

5. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to KET D. DANG whose telephone number is (571)270-7827. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday, 7:30 - 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Hoang Tu can be reached on (571) 272-4780. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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